

Flower Gardens and Goodbyes

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Flower
Gardens
and
Goodbyes



Me, Yuiji and Aki
have been friends
for a long time.





SORRY, I
CAN'T

Whaaaaah!!
The hell does
that mean!!

What
about
the food?

NOPE!

Then what
about our six
hour karaoke
run?!

What you
mean is
I am going!!

I changed my
mind given
for the
Karaoke
Online
after!

And
clammering!

NO-PEH!

I'M GOING
OUT WITH
SENPAI NOW!

SO I CAN'T
PLAY WITH
YOU GUYS
ANymore!

WAAH
THAT'S
SCARY

We're childhood friends, and we were always together.



ARE YOU?

ARE YOU?



I THOUGHT
SHE LIKED
ME

— AS IN —



Especially Aki.
She was always
stuck to me
like glue.

So I
thought...



TWO PEOPLE,
RIGHT THIS
WAY PLEASE!
BOMBARDIER!

The same way I
like her.

Okono (my)
Nagareyama Branch
Restaurant









Is that why she
backed out of
okonomiyaki and
karaoke and
clanning without
even telling me,
and disappeared
from my right
side?

Or maybe...
did she figure
out that I liked
her?









AM I AN
IDOT OR
WHAT?
SERIOUSLY,
FRONT?

I DON'T
GET HER.

AM, OR
JUST
GIRLS.



HOW SO
FRONT?

I'M SO
FROGGY
LAMB ...

THERE,
THERE

DAWN
IT!



...HEAT.

I'M
GOTTA GO!!

...I'M
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU.

What're
you looking
at?



SHUT
IT

IN WHICH
CASE I'LL BE
THERE TO
COMFORT
YOU



I can do you
whatever I want

YOU GET
WHATEVER
YOU GET
TO YOU,
UNLIKE ME



SURE,
SURE

I CAN
STILL DO
WITH YOU



...ARE THERE
ANY GIRLS
YOU LIKE, YUP



HAVE NOT
REALLY

I LIKED
AM, PRETTY
NORMALLY







At this rate,
if summer
comes

and goes...

Will these
feelings fade
with it?

WELL, IT'S AN
WE'RE TALKING
ABOUT. SHE'LL
PROBABLY
BREAK UP WITH
OUTTER PRINCE
IN NO TIME.

really?

I'LL FIND
MYSELF A
CUTE
GIRLFRIEND

YOU
SHOULD
WORK AT
IT, TOO.

IF YOU
HAPPY
RIGHT NOW,
THAT'S
FINE.

I DON'T
WISH
THINK
ABOUT IT?



THAT'S NOT
WHAT I'M
TALKING
ABOUT.

HUH? HOW
WAS I
SUPPOSED TO
KNOW? I
DON'T LOOK
AT MY EARS.

CLACK

HUH?

I CAN'T HEAR
YOU

HEY, WHAT'RE
YOU
SAYING?

I SAID
THAT'S NOT
WHAT I'M
TALKING
ABOUT.



CLICK

What is
this?

HEY, DID
YOU GET
THE SALICE
OFF YET-

CLICK

Yulji's
fingers
are...

TAKUYA

CLICK

Burning

CLICK

PLEASE
WAIT

CLICK

WHY...

YULJI

WHY HAVEN'T
YOU FIGURED
OUT THAT I
LIKE YOU YET?

CLACK



CLACK
CLACK

CLACK
CLACK

CLACK
CLACK
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CLACK



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CLACK



CLACK
CLACK
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CLACK



OH BLAME...



KEEP IT IN
YOUR HEAD,
AT LEAST.

CLACK

CLACK

And no,

for the first
time in my
life,

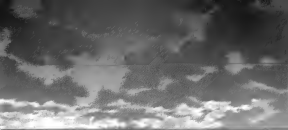
IT'S TOWARD
FOR ME,
TOO.

CLACK

CLACK

CLACK

CLACK



I found out what
it means to feel
the pain of being
loved

From Summer
Then On







WE'VE PROBABLY
HAPPY YOU WERE
GOT TO SPEND MORE
TIME TOGETHER.

WELL, ANYWAY,
I DON'T THINK
TALKING WITH JAM
REAL FRIENDS
RESEMBLES YOU

REALLY?

HE SAID I
CAN'T TAKE IN
ANYONE AND TWO
PERSONS
WOMEN

I DON'T
RESEMBLE
QUITTING.

WELL, NOT
REALLY.



YUP!
I'M
SURE OF
IT!

...I HOPE
YOU'RE RIGHT.

pat
pat



...I HOPE
YOU'RE RIGHT.

HE KEEPS
FOLLOWING
YOU
AROUND
LIKE A
LITTLE
DUCKLING?

YUP! FOR
HIM, IT'S
ALWAYS
BEEN TOLD
THAT, Y'KNOW
THAT...

pat
pat



...THANKS,
AND

I'M REALLY
HAPPY



OH! NO!
STOP BEING
SO ADORNT!

I SAID IT,
SO IT'S
GOTTA BE
TRUE!



WAIT,
REALLY?
DID YOU
CONFESS?

YEAH

WAIT,
YOU DID?!



I AM



HOW COULD
A STUPID LIKE
YOU NOT BE
JUMPING FOR
JOYMENT?

DO YOU WANT
ME TO BE
FOR YOU?

OH! NO!
SERIOUSLY!





WHAT ABOUT
TAKING?

I'M NOT
SURE. I'M
NOT THE
ONLY ONE
WHO THINKS
SO.

YOU'RE
NOT
HOLDING
ME.

NO,
YOU'RE JUST
FLATTERING
ME.



HE SAYS
IT ALL
THE TIME.

HOW MUCH
HE ADMIRES
YOU.



...DO YOU
THINK.

I HAVE
A CHANCE?



HUBB?
OF COURSE YOU CAN!

HAHA.



THANKS,
JIM!



Summer
vacation's
about to
start.





THANKS...

HEY! DIDN'T
YOU FIGURED
OUT THAT I
LIVE HERE
YET?





SHADOO...

Nothing really
changed for me
and Yaji. It almost
made me think...

maybe
that's actually
confuse



THAT WAS
THE ONLY
DOOT
I WAS
AWAKE
FOR.

WELL,
SHADOO
FOR
YOU.

REALLY?

I PROMISE
TO ASK ABOUT
THIS PART IN
MAY 12 2024!!



FROM THAT'S
GOOD TO HEAR,
TEACH ME?



IT'S DO IT
IF YOU WANT
ME TO SOME
CHALLENGE?

YOU
DO IT?



WOULD I
JUST WALKED
OFF INTO
SOMETHING

WELL
WOULDN'T SAY
ANYTHING
ABOUT IT...

It stayed in my
head, for sure.

More than I ever
wanted it to



YOUR TEETH
ARE THE BEST
I'VE EVER
HAD HERE

IT'S ALWAYS
OVERGROWN FOR
YOU, HUNT



WOULDN'T I'M
ALWAYS SET
ON EVERYTHING

WOULDN'T
I'D BETTER GET
ON THERE,
AREN'T YOU?

FOR
REAL?



WELL?

WOULDN'T I'M
ALWAYS SET
ON EVERYTHING





I'M STILL
WAITING

FOR AN
ANSWER, TO
BE HONEST.



DON'T
FORCE UP
LIKE THAT.

I SAID-







I JOKED,
BUT HE SAID
I SHOULDNT
TELL YOU

COULD'VE
AT LEAST SAID
SOMETHING



ARE YOU
ALWAYS FIGHTING
OR SOMETHING?



OH, HE
WENT AHEAD
I THINK HE SAID
HIS STOMACH
HURTS

HAVE
WEIRD
TALKING



IT'S
NOT
YOURS

BUT...



...WE'RE NOT.

keep
running away
from him.

I...

SHOOT

I FORGOT
MY CARTRIDGE

FLASH

IT'S
REALLY
COMING
DOWN...

WOAH

WHY'D IT
HAVE TO BE
A THUNDER-
STORM?!

MAN,
THAT WAS
REALLY
CLOSE!

PANG

(NOT GOOD WITH LIGHTNING)

WOAH!!

CRASH



More than
anyone,

Yugi's a
really good
guy.

I want
him to be
happy.

He's important
to me, and the
best friend
anyone could
ask for.



But that's
wrong.

If I can't say
that I "like" him,
then all I have to
do is turn him
down.

I don't know
why, but it's
definitely
wrong.

That's what he
told me.







THAT YOU
WERE HAVING
A TUGH TIME
BECAUSE OF
WHAT I SAID

IT'S MY
FAULT.

SO I
WANTED TO
APOLOGIZE.



THAT
MAYBE...
NO, I
KNEW.



THAT
COULDN'T
EXPLAIN
ANY-

IT'S
PROBABLY
THE ONLY
THING YOU
WENT FOR
LAST.

NOT TO
MENTION, THE
LIGHTNING'S
PRETTY BAD.



I WAS
REALLY
WORRIED...!



YOU'RE
SUCH...

AN IDIOT...
STUPID...
STUPID!

YOU'RE AN
IDIOT & REAL
WORTHY IDIOT!



WOW



I-IF YOU
LIKED ME, I
WOULDN'T
SERIOUSLY
CHEERED YOU
ON! BUT...

I WANT
YOU TO BE
HAPPY...!



THEY'VE
GOT NO IDEA
HOW NICE
YOU ARE!

I DON'T
WANT YOU TO
HAVE TO GO
THROUGH
THIS JUST
BECAUSE
YOU LIKE A
GUY!

I DON'T
THINK
IT'S GROSS
OR ANYTHING,
BUT...

THERE'S
PEOPLE OUT
THERE WHO
DO, RIGHT?

IF YOU KEEP
SAYING SUCH
NICE THINGS
TO ME,

I'LL JUST
KEEP FALLING
FOR YOU EVEN
MORE.

I WON'T
BE ABLE TO
STOP.

THANKS...

I REALLY
DON'T CARE
ABOUT ALL
THAT.

IF I SAY
I LIKE YOU,
THEN I LIKE
YOU.

THAT'S ALL
THERE IS
TO IT.







The
sound of
my own
heart...

What I...

Y-That's
not...



Is that
you're open
to having
that kind of
relationship
with me.



You
might

Get and
if I say
this,
but...

Is so loud
that it
scared
me.



You...

Actually
look me a lot,
don't you?

wanted
to stay
friends.

L...

So we could be the
kind of friends
who'd laugh about
how we're stuck
with each other,

and who'd pray
for each other's
happiness.

So I could be with you
now...

after getting
into college...

after getting
a job...



Then how am
I supposed
to help it?

I DON'T
WANT GET
ACCUSED...

BUT IF YOU
SHOW ME
A KISS LIKE
THIS...

DON'T SAY
THAT.
I'M TRYING
TO GET YOU
ACCUSED HERE.

WHY NOT?

I'VE BEEN
WAITING FOR
THIS.

ARE YOU
GOING TO STOP
BEING FRIENDS
NOW...?

Yui's voice,
his lips...

I didn't know they
could be so
"calming".

I DON'T
GET IT...



WELL...
FOR NOW,
JUST STAY HERE
WITH ME.

I GUESS
NOT, HUH?

NOTHING'S
REALLY
STARTED
YET.

I could've
said no, and
tried to
resist.

I think

that if I tried
to run, I
might've been
able to.

But now
I know...

That what I
can't do...

is break away from
Yuji's hands.



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Our
Love



MUTUAL
LOVE IS HARD,
HUH?

SOME-
TIMES,

WHEN YOU'RE
BUSY SAYING
"I LOVE YOU"

ALL OF A
SUDDEN YOU
GET THE
FEELING
THAT YOU'RE
FALLING.

NO,
I'M NOT!

WHAT, ARE
YOU TRYING TO
OBLIVIOUS IT IN MY
FACE?



I KEEP
THINKING
THAT
IT MIGHT
ALL END
TOMORROW.

OR THAT
HE MIGHT
STOP SENDING
ME TEXTS.
I WOULDN'T
KNOW WHAT
TO DO.

EVEN
IF SENPAI
WAS THERE
WITH ME,

AND I'M
REALLY
HAPPY
TO BE GOING
OUT WITH HIM.



I WAS
LISTENING.

LISTEN
TO PEOPLE
WHEN THEY'RE
TALKING!



UGH.

DEEZ...



YOU SURE
YOU DON'T
JUST
NEED TO TAKE A
DUMP?

I'M HAPPY,
BUT I'M
WORRIED.
AND WHEN
I'M WORRIED,
I GET
BUTTERFLIES
IN MY
STOMACH.

Butter

Butter

Butter



I DON'T
KNOW!!

HELP
WHY AM I
CRYING?

EVEN
IT...



LOVE
IS
SCARY!



I DON'T
KNOW,
AND I'M
SCARED...



'CAUSE
HE'S REALLY
NICE!

WASHES
WITH
TART?

LOMA, I
WISH YUJI
WERE HERE...



HE'S ALL
GROWN-UP,
AND COOL...

I'M JEALOUS,
REALLY.

YUJI...



MAYBE I
SHOULD GO
VISIT

YOU
SHOULD COME
WITH ME!

HEY, CAN
YOU STILL
NOT COME
TO SCHOOL?

I-

HE'S GOT
PNEUMONIA,
APPARENTLY.

I
GUESS

YOU'RE
RIGHT...

I'LL GO
BY MYSELF.

HEH?

I SAID,
I'LL GO BY
MYSELF.

YOU
SHOULD GO
WITH SENPAI.

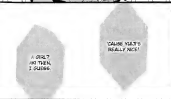
YOU GOT
A POINT.



THEN SAY
HI TO YUUKI
FOR ME!



SURE.



A GHOST
AND THEN,
I GUESS.

YUUKI YUKI'S
REALLY NICE!



MY
CHEST

HURTS...





WOW, THAT'S
WEIRD

I didn't
even see
anything!



YUI!

I'M
COMING
IN.

click



BUT HIS
FACE LOOKS
LIKE THERE
FROM THE
FEVER.

AND HE'S
CUSHING
A LOT, SO
HE CAN'T
GET OUT
OF BED!

EVERY
DAY...



WAIT..

WAIT..

OPEN
→



YUI!

IS THERE
ANYTHING
YOU WANT
TO EAT?



Huh...
Tired?







THE PERSON
I LIKE COMES
TO VISIT ME
WHEN I'M
SICK.



AND
THEN ..



... KINOA
FEELS LIKE
A SHOUJO
MANGA.

DON'T YOU
THINK?



WE KISS.

OR
SOMETHING.





I...

ATE
LUNCH WITH
AKI TODAY.

I thought

my heart
was going
to stop.



WHAT'S THAT
HEART?



FINE.

I
THINK.

MYST



OH.

HOW'S SHE
DOING?



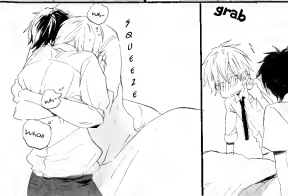
...YOU
WORRIED?







LIKE A
SHOUJO
MANGA,
RIGHT?



grab

9
a
u
e
e
z
e

what

why

why



I LOVE
YOU.

TAKUYA.

Ah...

Again.



MY CHEST
HURTS ...

L...

When
Yuiji
looks
at me
like
that,

Keep falling
further

KEEP
FALLING
FURTHER

into this
comforting
weight.



THANKS
FOR
COMING.

WELL,

I SHOULD
GET GOING.

SLEEP
MORE AND
GET BETTER!

SCHOOL'S
BORING
WITHOUT YOU.



HOW TO
CHEER
ME UP.

YOU
ALWAYS
KNOW



YUJI...



Calm
down.

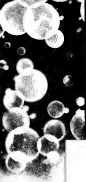
Calm
down,

heart.

Oh, I'm
already

haha

haha



Before I
knew it,

he was the
only thing I
could think
about.





WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

WE
WERE JUST
TOGETHER
THIS WHOLE
TIME.



It's
painful,

and
indecent.



IT'S

NO
GOOD.



But...

TAKUYA...

I WANT...

